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RYU YAMAKAMI PRESENTS

BEFORE I COULD REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING, MY PARENTS BECAME DIVORCED
MY FLASHY MOTHER LIVED FOR THE NIGHTLIFE AND WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN RAISING A KID
SO SHE RARELY RETURNED HOME TO WHERE ONE WAS WAITING FOR HER
I WAS OFTEN LEFT HUNGRY
AND YOUR COMPASSIONATE MOTHER WOULD ALWAYS INVITE ME OVER FOR DINNER
BUT I SECRETLY HEARD HER TELL YOU, "HIRAKU IS A PITIFUL BOY, SO BE NICE TO HIM, ALL RIGHT?"
MY INSIDES SUDDENLY TWISTED, AND I FELT SICK
BUT WHAT IRRITATED ME MORE THAN ANYTHING WAS YOUR ATTITUDE, AS IF THINGS WERE FINE LIKE THAT
HIRAKU!
COME OVER HERE!

I DON'T NEED THIS TOY ANYMORE
SO I'M GIVING IT TO YOU!
WELL, THAT KIND OF THING HAPPENED A LOT.
CAN YOU REMEMBER?
THOSE HYPOCRITICAL ACTIONS OF YOURS
EVEN A CHILD'S HEART COULDN'T PUT UP WITH THEM.
I.... DIDN'T MEAN TO...
...YOU KNOW,

YOU RECEIVED HEAPS OF AFFECTION, PROSPERITY, AND HAPPINESS FROM YOUR PARENTS.
ONCE I WAS CONFRONTED WITH THAT,
MY YOUNG HEART WAS BADLY HURT
...!
EVERYTHING WHICH WAS COMPLETELY UNOBTAINABLE FOR ME
THAT TOY YOU OFFERED ME WAS A PERFECT SYMBOL FOR THAT...
I'VE REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT SINCE THEN...
THAT'S...
HOW TO BREAK THAT SMILING, HYPOCRITICAL FACE OF YOURS!
PLAYING AND SLEEPING AROUND,
NOT CARING WHO MY PARTNER WAS...
I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN TO WATCH YOUR FACE DISTORT AFTER SEEING ME LIKE THAT.

BUT...
...NGH
I SHOULD VIOLATE YOU.
THERE'S A FASTER WAY OF DOING THINGS.
LIKE I DID JUST A MINUTE AGO.

LIKE THIS, I'LL GET WHAT I WANT DONE EVEN FASTER
LO
LOVERS,
YOU
SAY

THAT TIME...?!?
THE DAY MOCHIDA-SAN CAME TO MY ROOM!
SINCE THAT NIGHT?
THEN... THEN...
SINCE THAT OBSERVATION GET TOGETHER LAST TIME
SI-
SINCE WHEN?!?
WHAT ABOUT ONODERA-SAN?!
BUT
B...
BUT
SEX = DATING?!
YOU AND ONODERA-SAN WERE
KISSING
AND AFTER THAT...
I... I SAW!
ONODERA-SAN?

SO YOU SAW US THEN...
IT'S NOT LIKE WE DID IT WITH EACH OTHER OUT OF ANY SORT OF ROMANTIC FEELINGS
MORE LIKE... IT WAS A "FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS" SORT OF THING
I WAS... JUST AN OUTLET
FOR THE FEELINGS THAT GUY CAN'T FULFILL ELSE-WHERE
THE FEEL-INGS HE CAN'T FULFILL ELSE-WHERE...?
...BUT THAT'S WHY I ASKED... WHY...
ARE YOU TREATING ME LIKE YOUR LOVER?

I JUST... DON'T UNDERSTAND!
YOU DON'T GET IT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME?

Ah
Ah
CLENCH
I...
I WAS FOUND OUT...!!

I REALLY I LIED.

I LIKE YOU.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN I'VE HATED YOU
I SHOULD HAVE SAID
WHAT...
LIKE YOU, THAT'S...
MY FEELINGS KEEP RETURNING TO THE SAME PLACE
BUT...
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS ANYMORE
WHATEVER

THE PERSON I LIKE CALLED ME HIS "LOVER."
BUT EVEN SO, WHY DON'T I FEEL HAPPY?
AND WE DID THOSE THINGS...
HE SAID, "YOU'RE MY LOVER,"
AND, "EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME?"
THAT'S ALL HE SAID, BUT...
EVEN NOW I DON'T KNOW HIS FEELINGS AT ALL.
THAT'S RIGHT!

MAYBE...
MAYBE MOCHIDA-SAN IS IN LOVE WITH ME?
BUT HE'S NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE!
SO HOW CAN I BELIEVE THAT?
SO ARROGANTLY SAYING, "EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME?"
THERE'S NO WAY I'D BE HAPPY...
REALLY... WHY DO I HAVE TO LIKE THAT SORT OF GUY...?
Vrrrrrr
Sniff

TORA. PIPI
I... I FORGOT!
HELLO?
Haruki? It's me
VYYYYY!
We met He's feeling better
COULD IT BE...?
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER ALL THAT?!?
HOW'S MORI-KUN?
SOMEHOW TORA SEEMED A BIT STRANGE
?
TORA?
It's nothing Anyway! That's all I had to say!
PHEW
THAT'S THAT'S GREAT!
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A-
ANOTHER OBSERVATORY MEET HAS BEEN SCHEDULED?!
From: Hatayama
The date for the next Observatory Meet has been decided.
It will be 7/13
Members who can't make it, please contact club manager Hatayama.
A FEW DAYS LATER
BUT THE TIME GRADUALLY ARRIVED...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT MOCHIDA-SAN'S FACE LIKE THIS...?
WHAT?!
YOU AREN'T GOING TO THE MEET?!
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, IT WAS THE DAY OF THE MEET
DING-DONG

GLANCE
YEAH, BUT...
YAP YAP YAP
WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE IT?!?!
A METEOR SHOWER!
HOW ARE YOU MORI-KUN?
ME?
THAT, UM KURAHASHI-SAN...
SORRY, I MADE YOU WORRY...
TORA...
MORI-KUN...
AND AUGUST 13 IS THE DAY OF THE METEOR SHOWER YOU KNOW!
WHATS THE PROBLEM. THEN? YOU AREN'T SICK. AND YOU DON'T HAVE OTHER PLANS
.....
I THINK HE'LL BE GOING TO THE MEET TOO SO...
I'VE ALREADY FULLY RECOVERED.
.....
...IT'S OKAY.

GRAB
COME ON!
WHA- WHA- WAIT!
THAT'S A BIT UNEXPECTED
THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S RIIIIGHT SO!
IS THAT SO?
HE WORKED THROUGH HIS FEELINGS ALREADY?
DRAG DRAG
I.. I HAVE TO PREPARE MY HEART!
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO PREPARE YOU HEART FOR?
ANYWAY, LET'S GO!
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

DOOM
EVERYONE'S ALL TOUCHY.
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOU ALL?
YOUR FACE DOESN'T LOOK TOO GOOD, HATAYAMA.
HAAA~
It's a Seee~cret♪
HMM?
ALSO, YOU'VE ALWAYS FLIRTED WITH MOCHIDA BEFORE, SO WHY ARE YOU STUCK TO HATAYAMA NOW?

MOCHIDA-SAN SAID THOSE TWO WOULD BE FINE LIKE THAT...
DUUUNN
.....
Dun
DUNDUN
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THOSE TWO...
BUT NO MATTER HOW I TRY TO SEE IT, HATAYAMA-SAN LOOKS TROUBLED
I DID SAY I HATED HIM...
WELL,
AND I SLAPPED HIM TOO, JUST TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE...
HE'S SCARY!
HE'S ANGRY!
HE'S TOTALLY GLARING AT ME!
I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE COME AFTER ALL!

BUT! BUT!
UM... WELL THEN.
THAT I LIKE MOCHIDA-SAN EVEN LIKE THIS...
TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE PERSEID METEOR SHOWER.
EVERYONE GO OUT ON THE ROOFTOP,
THE METEORS SHOULD BE VISIBLE FROM MIDNIGHT UNTIL DAWN, SO EVERYONE TAKE YOUR TIME TO VIEW THEM FREELY.
AND LET'S START THE OBSERVATORY MEET.
I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT!
HIRAKU!
OHHH. SO WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT HUH?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO THEN?
I HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM MOCHIDA-SAN WHILE I CAN.
IT'LL BE A WHILE BEFORE WE SEE THE METEORS.

HUH?
WHERE DID THOSE TWO RUN OFF TO?
HMM? TORA? MORI-KUN?
THERE THEY ARE!
THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING!
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID YOU WERE OVER IT,
IT FEELS LIKE YOU STILL LIKE HIM!
TORA!
YO-
YOU'RE WRONG!
YOU'RE ONLY LOOKING AT KURAHASHI-SAN!
YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT HIM!

WHERE DID KUREHASHI-SAN GO, ANYWAY?
I'M SURE IF YOU JUST CRY A BIT TO GET YOUR WAY, HE'LL TAKE PITY ON YOU
IT WORKED WITH ME
THAT'S
TORA!
SO.
SO ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE ONLY WITH ME OUT OF PITY?!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DIDN'T CRY!
BECAUSE AT THAT TIME I WAS REALLY UPSET, AND JUST LITTLE BY LITTLE... ANYWAY, I'M NOT DENYING IT!
I'M HONESTLY ONLY THINKING ABOUT YOU NOW!
THEN DON'T LOOK AT ANYONE ELSE BUT ME!
I'M NOT!
GASP
YOU ARE...!

YOU...
Aha...
ha... ha...
YOU... HEARD?
S... SINCE WHEN...?
SORRY WE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
SO I COMFORTED HIM, AND BEFORE WE KNEW IT...
.....
BLUSH
YEAH. THIS GUY CRIED AND HOWLED LIKE A DOG.
THEN SINCE THE DAY YOU GOT TURNED DOWN BY KURAHASHI-SAN...?
WE JUST FIGURED... WE'D WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME...
BUT IT'S SUPER EMBARRASSING SO IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK ABOUT...

.....
ANYONE WOULD BE SHOCKED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS
BUT SERIOUSLY, THESE TWO...
THEY BOTH HAVE SUCH BIG HEARTS AND SEEM REALLY HAPPY
YOU COULD SAY... THEY REALLY SUIT EACH OTHER
THOUGH THEIR FEELINGS ARE A BIT COMPLI-CATED
WELL... IT SHOULD BE FINE
WHAT'S FINE?
EEEK
MOCHI-
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.

HARUKI?
WELL I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO YOU!
WELL...
GRAB
.....!!
HARU !
DRAG
DRAG

PLEASE LET ME GO!
HE... HE WAS TAKEN AWAY... HARUKI...
Should we call him?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY!
THAT'S A LIE!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
AREN'T YOU IN LOVE WITH ME?
I-
I HATE YOU!

WHY IS HE...?
WHY?
WHY IS HE GETTING SO WORKED UP OVER THIS?
SMACK
I HATE YOU!

Tch
NOT THIS AGAIN!
MOTOHARU!!
WAIT UP!
NO WAY!
NO WAY!
STOP RUNNING AWAY!
WHAT AM I DOING...?
NO WAAAY!!
MOTO-HARU!!

TELL HIM MY REAL FEELINGS
I WOULD RATHER JUST...
THIS CHASE IS RIDICULOUS.
HE YELLED AT ME, SAYING I LIED...
I'M OUT OF BREATH FROM RUNNING AROUND.
BUT...
BUT
IT WON'T FEEL RIGHT
IF I TELL HIM THAT I LIKE HIM NOW,

Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
HAA
HAA

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT
MOCHIDA-SAN IS MAKING SUCH A DESPERATE FACE...

HE YELLED AT ME,
HE'S ARROGANT AND SELF-CENTERED,
AND HE STUBBORNLY ONLY GOES AT THIS OWN PACE
BUT I REALLY WANT HIM TO CHASE AFTER ME...

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME? I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOUR MOUTH
IF I DON'T

.....
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I
Ah! Again!
AMAZING! IT WAS THREE FALLING STARS!
MO-MOCHIDA-SAN! JUST NOW!
STOP
AH..
YOU HAVE SOME NERVE...
.....
NOW DON'T RUN AWAY ANYMORE!
WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME ALREADY?
WHY DO YOU KEEP RUNNING AWAY FROM ME?
THAT'S MY LINE! WHY DO YOU KEEP CHASING AFTER ME?
IF I CAN'T HEAR IT FROM HIM...

IF I DON'T...
THEN I'LL PROBABLY...
BE TOSSED AROUND BY THIS GUY FOREVER...
THAT'S OBVIOUSLY
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!
P...

W...WHY?
IT'S ANNOYING, SAYING THAT KIND OF LINE MORE THAN ONCE!
AHHO
LIKE HELL.
PLEASE SAY IT AGAIN!
BUT YOU WENT ON AND ON AND ON ABOUT STARS, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T ASK YOU ANYTHING!
IT'S FINE IF IT'S THAT SINCE IT'S JUST KNOWLEDGE.
WHAAAAA..?!
THEN...! THEN...!
WH-WHEN DID YOU START LIKING ME!?!
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN!
I'M TELLING YOU...

LOVE
MOCHIDA-SAN...
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME TOO, RIGHT?
AND?
I HATE YOU.
SERIOUSLY ALREADY!

TONIGHT'S YOUR BIG CHANCE TO MAKE A WISH...
YOU AREN'T LOOKING...? AT THE FALLING STARS.
WELL, FOR NOW, WHAT'S YOUR WISH?
LET'S STOP, HIRAKU...
THAT'S YOUR WISH?
YOU CAN COME UP WITH A BETTER LINE THAN THAT.

HOW UNBEARABLE IT MUST BE FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR MORALS SO OUT OF PLACE.
BUT SINCE IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR WOUNDING ME, YOU OWE ME.
YOU'LL NEVER FORGET THIS WOUND.
BUT YOUR GOOD LITTLE BOY HERE IS REALLY THE BEST..!
IT'S TOO GOOD!
MAKES ME SICK.
HIRAKU...!